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USDOJ, Attorney General John Ashcroft 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to show my support for ending the litigation, and enacting the Microsoft antitrust settlement. Having been a very avid supporter of AT&T in the past, I strongly oppose further interference from the government in this case. Like AT&T, Microsoft was an excellent company with an even more impressive product. In AT&T's case, Americans paid dearly for it, so it is important that we don't allow Microsoft and its customers to end up the same way. The government has interfered in the software industry long enough, and it is time for Microsoft to be done with this settlement so that they can move forward with developing new products.

Given the terms of the settlement, I am positive that these constraints and commitments will be sufficient to foster the software market back to fair competition. Microsoft has included in this agreement grants to makers to configure Windows as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows. Microsoft has also agreed to share protocols native to the Windows' operating system in order to promote compatibility.

In addition, I hope the government and any disagreeing parties will be comforted by the agreement to establish the Three-Person Technical Committee that will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement and will be expected to lodge a complaint should any part of the agreement be violated.

Microsoft has clearly been checked in all facets of this lawsuit, and thus further litigation would be a waste of time and money. The only beneficial solution for the public is the end of this settlement.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this lengthy matter.